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SUBJECT: GHANA: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

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1. Below are texts of congratulatory messages to President-elect Obama from 2008 Ghana Presidential Candidate Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, MP and Former First Lady of Ghana, Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings Dr. (Mrs).

2. Text of letter from Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo:

"Dear Senator Obama,

RE: Congratulatory message sent to Mr. Barack Obama, President-Elect of the United States of America by Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, MP and Presidential Candidate of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) of Ghana.

This morning Americans made history by electing you as the 44th President of the United States of America. Your election symbolizes how far America has come in building a more perfect and inclusive union. Indeed, it is a triumph for democracy.

As an African-American, your election has inspired millions around the world about how hard work and tenacity can achieve unimaginable results, regardless of one's origin.

I hope that your Presidency will renew the world and bring people closer together.

I look forward to a healthy, closer relationship between our countries under your leadership for the mutual benefit of our people.

May God bless you,
May God bless America,
May God bless Ghana.

Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, MP
(Presidential Candidate, The New Patriotic Party (NPP), Ghana.)

3. Text of letter from Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings Dr.(Mrs):

"Congratulatory Letter"

I write to congratulate President Obama, the Democrats, and all the American people for this successful moment and historic election.

We share in your joy today and we join in the celebration of this victory with you and the whole of the United States of America.

This victory has demonstrated that no person anywhere in the world should feel inadequate to dream of wanting to change the world for a better place.

We pray that this historic wave of change that has come at a time when we are confronted with immense challenges the whole world over, will serve its purpose and lighten up the hopes of all for a better tomorrow.

On this day, we share with all Americans, this dream unfolding before our eyes.

On behalf of my Organization, the women and children that I work with, I wish to say congratulations once again and we wish the President-elect all the best.

My husband President Rawlings is out of town and will send his word when he gets back.

My warmest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

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Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings Dr.(Mrs.)

14. A hard copy of both letters will follow via pouch.

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